

## SWIMMING POOL SAFETY POLICY

### POLICY OBJECTIVE

This Official Council Policy deals with the obligations of Wentworth Shire Council (Council) and the public in relation to the requirements applying to swimming pools as provided under the *Swimming Pool Act 1992* and the associated regulation.

### 1. POLICY STATEMENT

The intent of this Policy is to ensure that Council establishes systems which save and protect lives by preventing drowning in backyard pools and to inform pool owners of their responsibilities and obligations under the *Swimming Pool Act 1992*.

### 2. POLICY COVERAGE

This Policy applies to swimming pools, both outdoor and indoor, that are situated, or proposed to be constructed or installed, on premises on which a residential building, a moveable dwelling or tourist and visitor accommodation is located, but does not apply to swimming pools that are situated, or proposed to be constructed or installed, on any premises occupied by the Crown or by a public authority.

### 3. STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.6 Collaborate with others to achieve desired outcomes for the local community

### 4. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term/Word	Definition
AS	Australian Standard
Council	Wentworth Shire Council
Swimming Pool	A permanent or temporary excavation, structure or vessel that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• capable of being filled to a depth of 300mm or more; and</li> <li>• solely or principally used, or that is designed, manufactured, or adopted to be used for the purpose of swimming, wading, paddling or any other human aquatic activity and includes a spa pool or tub but does not include a spa bath situated within a private bath room.</li> </ul>

### 5. POLICY CONTENT

It is the policy of this council to:

- 5.1 Commit to the monitoring of swimming pools through an inspection program within the Local Government Area in a cost-effective manner to ensure where possible a safe, compliant environment in conformity with:
- a) *Swimming Pool Act 1992*
  - b) AS 1926.1-2012
  - c) Community expectations
  - d) Relevant regulatory requirements

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In order to achieve this aim, in partnership with stakeholders & relevant agencies, Council will:

- Educate the community in relation to the requirement of registering their swimming pool online within the state register at [www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au](http://www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au).
- Undertake mandatory swimming pool compliance inspections on all tourist and visitor accommodation every three (3) years.
- Undertake an inspection of a swimming pool located on a property prior to the sale or lease of that property where requested by the property owner(s) or by a person acting on behalf of a property owner(s). The inspection request must be made to Council using the appropriate application form.
- Undertake an inspection of a swimming pool at any time where requested by a property owner(s) or by a person acting on behalf of a property owner(s).
- Inspect any swimming pool which is the subject of a complaint.
- Charge a fee for the service inspection regime with inspections being charged at the fee nominated in Council's annual fees and charges.
- Continually review and improve our practices by assessing performance against Council's commitments and stakeholder expectations.

### 6. RELATED DOCUMENTS & LEGISLATION

*Swimming Pool Act 1992*

### 7. ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

### 8. DOCUMENT APPROVAL

This document is the latest version of the official policy of the Wentworth Shire Council, as adopted by Council on 20 April 2022. All previous versions of this policy are null and void.

This policy may be amended or revoked by Council at any time.

A PDF copy of the signed document can be accessed from Council's record management system and Reliansys.

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26 April 2022

General Manager Wentworth Shire Council

Date